

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1021 – SB 1336

March 29, 2017

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Urges the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) to study energy facility siting laws in other states that require or allow such states to regulate wind energy facility siting projects. Requires TDEC to submit a written summary within 90 days from the conclusion of such study to members of the General Assembly.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006390): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Establishes that local governments that have adopted siting of wind energy facility regulations within its jurisdiction shall not be subject to this chapter. Prohibits the construction, operation, or redevelopment of a wind energy facility or the initiation of a wind energy facility expansion until July 1, 2018. Creates a six member special joint legislative study committee to evaluate and make recommendations to the siting of wind energy facilities which include three members from the House of Representatives and three members from the Senate. Requires the committee to only meet on days the members of the committee are at the capitol for other business. Prohibits members from receiving additional compensation for service on the committee and authorizes such members to be eligible for travel reimbursement. Requires the committee to report any findings or recommendations including potential legislation to the General Assembly by January 1, 2018. The committee shall cease to exist upon making its recommendations.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

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Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The committee will meet at least twice prior to January 1, 2018. However, and pursuant to the provisions of the legislation, such meetings are supposed to take place on days the members of the committee are at the capitol for other business. Therefore, the committee will have to ensure all members are here on other business and they would receive per diem and travel reimbursement based on the previously scheduled business.
- To this extent, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- Any increase in state expenditures for the TDEC or other state agencies to provide support to the committee is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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